Philada 3m 20th 1846

Dear friend

Your interesting document which I read over three times of the 28th ~~ult~~ was not recd for nearly two weeks after its date & had the marks of having been opened. The point upon which you dwell the most, that of the continuation of the Standard we are all agreed upon, but upon that ~~on~~ of which we differ, the best form, whether as it is or reduced in size & price, you have said but little. I have no objection to its being continued at its present size, but then I would bring it down to $1 in price. I like very much the idea of its being a paper for reference &c. this would preclude the necessity of publishing any price currents or advertisements or any thing not directly appertaining to Anti Slavery. and it seems to me if these were ~~s~~ stricken out & the paper reduced to a size between ~~the~~ it & the Freeman we could have as much Anti S. matter in it as we have now. Could we not? As regards Gay I agree with you most heartily, we cannot get any one to fill his place who will do it so well. I know of only one fault about him which manifests itself in the paper & that so seldom that is scarcely worth mentioning, that is snappishness. this may not convey the idea. it magnifies it too much. but I expect you have observed the same thing & know she is too sensible not to have seen it. I think we all agree with you about the duties as agents, who do you refer to? do let me know. Now this we all confess, that for such papers as we feel a strong partiality, we of course do the most. other things being equal but we all consider the A. S. & Freeman as labouring for the legitimate object before us. For my self, before all other papers & all put together, I go for the Liberator.

I hope you will at once write me apart of all the thousand other things you have to say. just at this moment I cannot devote more space to any but my dear self. First about letters of introduction I know only G. Thompson & E Pease & I fear Thompson has forgotten me & I want to go & see him. Next as I go

from here the latest possible period & will
as a consequence have next to no time
in Boston. you will please have every thing
ready for me on my arrival in Boston.

If you wish to send any thing in the
shape of letters my friend Mr Lewis go
goes in the next steamer 1st April. You
can leave a note at the Tremont for him
and he will then in all probability call
upon you. if you have any thing to send.

If you see Wendell will you say that
I want an early answer to the business
parts of my last letter to him.

Yours very truly
Edwd

My attention is called off by the chirping
of my dear little four months old boy
who is ~~Kicking~~ on the floor in front
of a pleasant wood fire, (do you like
wood fires) kicking as though it were
at something. You do not say yes
or no to my invitation to come & see us
Ely & folks

Ms. A.9.2.22.33

Edward Davis
1846.

The letters you wish to send by
Lewis, you will leave unsealed.
He is in my store & a perfectly
trustworthy young man.
Do you think G Thompson
would give me some
letters of introduction
to some of his friends in
Paris or Lyons. I think
he would not object, have
you any objection to ask
him if you write to him
by this Steamer. If they are
sent to Coates & Co 13 Broad
st London or to Browns
Shipley & Co Liverpool before
my arrival I would get
them.

M. W. Chapman
Boston